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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to Pioneer Laboratories, Inc.*****its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as Case No. 647 P 046 in the offices of GERSTMAN & ELLIS, LTD., Two N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2010, Chicago, Illinois 60602 and entitled Cable Connector for Orthopaedic Rod*****

and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained on any of said applications and in any reissue or extension of such patents.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.


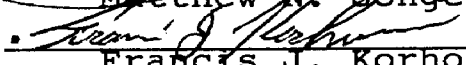
The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrant themselves to be the owners of the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements and to have the right to make this assignment, and further warrant that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other encumbrances on the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary declaration, oath, or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or

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WITNESS our hands and seals this 29 day of Jan, 1999.

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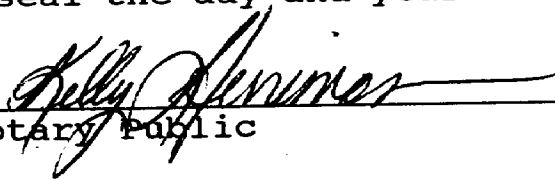
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On this 29th day of January, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Matthew N. Songer and Francis J. Korhonen

to me personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed said instrument as their free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

KELLY HERRIMAN
Notary Public, Marquette County, Michigan.
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